here, we — Mr Hammond and the rest of us — will host you.

It will be an honorable and useful, & not a difficult mission.

With love to Mrs Larrison & the rest of your family I am

Yours Truly

J. M. McClung

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be done. But whom can we
send? The abbot cannot be
spared from his post. I
am out of the question. The
only man known to me fully
competent to the undertaking
is yourself; and I write now
at the instance of the Cardinal,
to ask you to go, and to assure
you that pecuniary the hand
some thing will be done by
you. We want a man
of weight and of judgment;
and you are the man.

Now, my dear Garstin,
if you be well enough for
sail-road travel, don't say
Nay, but come here next
Monday - En route. When

two Secretaries - Bishop & Walker - had not succeeded in putting us into good relations with the Western people; but rather the contrary. Mr Hammond, who is a man of eminence in the West, gave us to understand that the people of his region were well disposed towards us & our cause; and that if some one should go out from us, of a character to command respect, and see and converse with leading western people, he would find them ready to enter into cooperative relations with us. He urged it upon us as a thing to be done without loss of time; & we were fully convinced that it was a proper thing to

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New York, March 29th 1866

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My dear Garrison:

Our Executive met yesterday afternoon. Present Rev. Chapin, Rhoads, Abbott, Thompson (Rev Dr), Frothingham, Hammond (C. G. Hammond, Chicago, bro O.) & myself.

We were interesting meeting & the reports from all Counties were cheering. - money will & shall come.

No. not from all Counties; for the accounts from two were not cheering. It appeared that on